

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. Claims 1-12 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 13-19 are allowed.

Applicants cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, claims 13-19 are pending in the Application. Applicants cancelled claims 1-12 only to expedite the issuance of claims 13-19 and not in response to the Examiner's cited art. Applicants strongly believe that claims 1-12 are allowable for at least the reasons presented in the response with a mailing date of July 10, 2006. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation patent application to capture the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-12.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a notice of allowance allowing claims 13-19. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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